



# **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**

*Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico*

## **Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Beau Rivage Resort and Casino  
Biloxi, Mississippi & Virtual**

### **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Session**

**8:00 AM – 8:05 AM CDT:** Review and Adoption of Proposed Council Committee Assignments October 2022 through August 2023 (**Tab A, No. 2a**) and Current Council Committee Assignments (**Tab A, No. 2b**) – *Mr. Diaz*

**8:05 AM – 8:30 AM CDT:** Demonstration of Electronic Voting Technology (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *Ms. Hager / Ms. Roy / Dr. Simmons*

### **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CDT: Shrimp (Tab D) – Chair**

- Update on Testing and Development of Options Proposed as Replacements for the Historical cELB Devices for the Gulf Shrimp Fishery

**9:30 AM – 10:30 AM CDT: Habitat Protection & Restoration (Tab P) – Chair**

- Draft Generic Essential Fish Habitat Amendment
- SSC Recommendations on Essential Fish Habitat Amendment

**----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CDT -----**

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Chair**

- Review of Florida Pompano Landings and Requirements for Consideration of Federal Fisheries Management
- SSC Recommendations from the September 2022 Meeting on the *Socioeconomic Stock Assessment Workshop Report*

**----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----**

**1:30 PM – 1:45 PM CDT: Remarks on NOAA Fisheries Priorities – Ms. Coit**

**1:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Mackerel (Tab C) – Chair**

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Sector Allocation
- Draft Framework Amendment: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Southern Zone Gillnet Fishing Season

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----

**3:15 PM – 4:00 PM CDT: Law Enforcement (Tab L) – Chair**

- LETC Meeting Summary from October 2022 Meeting

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair**

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings
- Review of State-specific Private Angling and State For-hire Red Snapper Landings

– Recess –

**Tuesday, October 25th – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**8:00 AM – 10:30 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair**

- **Final Action:** Draft Amendment 54: Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Catch Limits and Sector Allocations, and other Rebuilding Plan Modifications
- Presentation on Draft Options: Modifications to Greater Amberjack Recreational and Commercial Management Measures and Reef Fish AP Recommendations

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CDT -----

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair**

- Discussion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of IFQ Focus Group Charge and Deliverables
- Draft Framework Action for Gray Triggerfish Commercial Trip Limit and Reef Fish AP Recommendations

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----

**1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair**

- Draft Options for Amendment 56: Modifications to the Gag Grouper Catch Limits, Sector Allocations, Fishing Seasons, and other Rebuilding Plan Measures

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----

**3:15 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair**

- SSC Recommendations: Review of the SEDAR 68 Operational Assessment for Gulf of Mexico Scamp
- Remaining Reef Fish AP Recommendations from October 2022 Meeting

– Recess –

***Immediately following the Reef Fish Committee – NMFS will Host a General Question and Answer Session***

### Wednesday, October 26th – Committee Sessions, Continued

#### **8:00 AM – 10:30 AM CDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Chair**

- Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements and Reef Fish AP Recommendations
- Review of South Atlantic Council Workgroup Discussions on Federal Private Angling Reef Fish Permit
- Update from GSMFC on Fisheries Data Collection and Management
- Update on Commercial Electronic Reporting and Reef Fish AP Recommendations

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CDT -----

### Wednesday, October 26th – Council Session

- I. **10:45 AM – 10:48 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **10:48 AM – 10:50 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, Nos. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- III. **10:50 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Presentations:
  - Recommendations from the Joint Council Workgroup on Section 102 of the Modern Fish Act (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Mr. Anson*
  - Deepwater Horizon Fish Restoration and Future Restoration Planning (**Tab A, No. 9**) – *Dr. Reinhardt*
  - Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 10**) – *Ms. Matthews*

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----

### Wednesday, October 26th – Council Session continued

- IV. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM CDT:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv, v</sup> – *Mr. Diaz*
  - A. **Final Action:** Draft of Amendment 54: Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Catch Limits and Sector Allocations, and other Rebuilding Plan Modifications
  - B. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

## **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Council Session**

### **Committee Reports:**

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM CDT:** Shrimp **(Tab D)** – *Chair*
- B. **8:30 AM – 9:00 AM CDT:** Habitat Protection and Restoration **(Tab P)** – *Chair*
- C. **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM CDT:** Law Enforcement **(Tab L)** – *Chair*
- D. **9:15 AM – 9:45 AM CDT:** Sustainable Fisheries **(Tab E)** – *Chair*
- E. **9:45 AM – 10:30 PM CDT:** Mackerel **(Tab C)** – *Chair*

----- **Break 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM CDT** -----

- F. **10:40 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Reef Fish **(Tab B)** – *Chair*

----- **Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT** -----

- G. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT:** Reef Fish *continued* **(Tab B)** – *Chair*
- H. **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT:** Data Collection **(Tab F)** – *Chair*

----- **Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT** -----

### **3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CDT:** Supporting Agencies Update **(Tab R)** – *Mr. Diaz*

- South Atlantic Council Liaison **(Tab R, No. 1)** – *Mr. Brewer*
- Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts **(Tab R, No. 2)** – *Lt. Carron*
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) **(Tab R, No. 3)** – *ASAC O'Malley*
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
- U.S. Coast Guard **(Tab R, No. 5)** – *LCDR Motoi*
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

### **4:15 PM – 4:30 PM CDT:** Other Business **(Tab U)** – *Mr. Diaz*

- Litigation Update – *Ms. Levy*

**– Adjourn –**

#### **Next Meeting**

**Jan 30 – Feb 2, 2023**

**Hilton Capitol Center**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

<sup>i</sup> The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. Public comment may begin earlier than 1:30 pm CDT on October 26, 2022 but will not conclude before that time.

<sup>ii</sup> Persons wishing to give public testimony **virtually** must sign up on the Council website beginning on the first day of the Council meeting. Registration closes one hour before public testimony begins. During public comment, the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

**To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments at least three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.**

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- iii Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to [gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org). All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public.
- iv Oral or written communications provided to the Council are public documents. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and maintained by the Council as part of its permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal law.
- v Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.